

42 USC 1320a-
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Child Care
and
Development
Block Grant
Amendments
of
1996.
42 USC 9801
note.

"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall—
 "(1) have a longitudinal component; and
 "(2) yield data reliable at the State level for as many States as the Secretary determines is feasible.
 "(c) PREFERRED CONTENTS.—In conducting the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary should—
 "(1) carefully consider selecting the sample from cases of confirmed abuse or neglect; and
 "(2) follow each case for several years while obtaining information on, among other things—
 "(A) the type of abuse or neglect involved;
 "(B) the frequency of contact with State or local agencies;
 "(C) whether the child involved has been separated from the family, and, if so, under what circumstances;
 "(D) the number, type, and characteristics of out-of-home placements of the child; and
 "(E) the average duration of each placement.
 "(d) REPORTS —
 "(1) IN GENERAL.—From time to time, the Secretary shall prepare reports summarizing the results of the study required by subsection (a).
 "(2) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make available to the public any report prepared under paragraph (1), in writing or in the form of an electronic data tape.

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**SEC. 504.
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SEC. 505. KINSHIP CARE.

Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a))
is amended—

- (1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (16):
- (2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (17)
and inserting "; and"; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following:
"(18) provides that the State shall consider giving pref-
erence to an adult relative over a non-related caregiver
when
determining a placement for a child, provided that the
relative
caregiver meets all relevant State child protection
standards/";

TITLE VI—CHILD CARE

SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE AND REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the "Child Care
and Development Block Grant Amendments of 1996".